

LIFE AND WORK OF
EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
SUMMER PACKET
JULY-AUGUST 2026

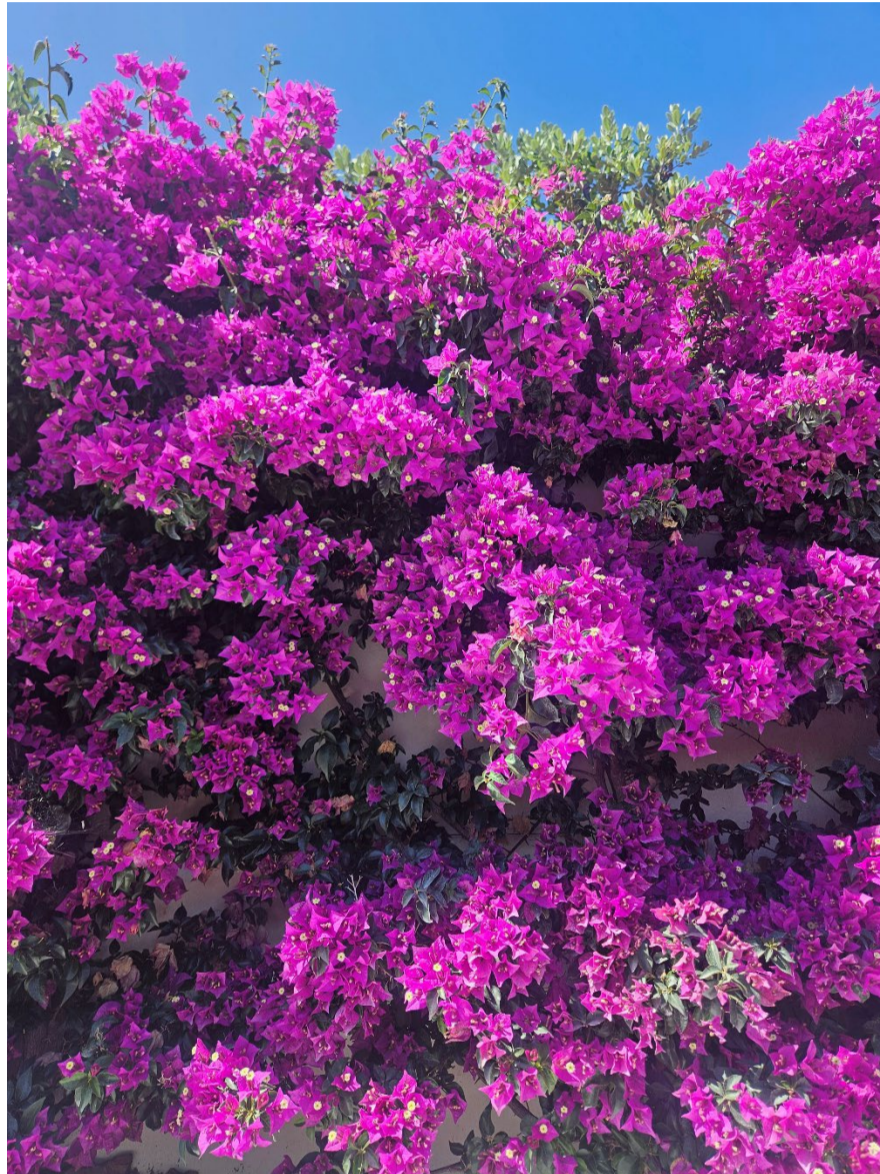


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Welcome to Emmanuel United Church

INCLUSIVE • COMPASSIONATE • JUSTICE SEEKING • WELCOMING ALL

Welcome to Emmanuel United Church, where the church is the body of Christ with each member having unique gifts to share and a ministry to offer. We invite you to come and visit, to worship, to join in our fellowship, to participate in our many activities, and to enrich your faith. As an affirming church, we welcome everyone.

We recognize the Anishinabeg Algonquin Nation, on whose traditional unceded territory Emmanuel United Church is located. We gratefully acknowledge them as past, present and future stewards of this land.

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For information on any of our church activities, please call or email the office and check out our website - the upcoming events and good to know sections of the homepage host excellent content; get to know us even better by exploring more!



Emmanuel United Church
Holiday Bazaar

Our **Emmanuel Holiday Bazaar** is Saturday November 14, 2026

There will be many opportunities to contribute in big and small ways in the Fall.

If you are canning or making jams over the summer, please consider setting aside a jar or two for our Bazaar.

If you are cleaning out, clearing out or wondering what to do with no-longer-needed treasures, please consider setting items aside for our Bazaar.

If you are doing any small wood working projects over the summer, please consider donating a few works of art to our Bazaar. Christmas themed items in wood are always popular.

If you are re-potting or pruning indoor plants, please consider making a few small pots for our **PLANT TABLE** at the Bazaar.

If you are starting your Christmas crafts /gifts over the summer, please consider setting a few works of art aside for our (NEW) small gifts Christmas Table.

Craft workshops held on **Tuesday afternoons** over the summer will ensure our Christmas Table will have plenty of gift items for sale.

Information will follow in our Sunday Bulletins.

All are invited to join in the fun.

OUR EMMANUEL BAZAAR NEEDS A SUPERVISOR(S) FOR SCROUNGERS PARADISE

We need someone to take the lead on this please.

Thank you for your support
Brenda Ashe, Bazaar Convener



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ACTIVITIES & GROUPS

Book Club Schedule for 2026 – 2027:

Date	Book and Author	Discussion Leader
Sept 14	A Month in the Country by J L Carr	Joyce
Oct 12	The Break In by Katherine Faulkner	Patricia
Nov 9	The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict	Kathleen
Jan 11	The God of the Woods by Liz Wood	Phyllis
Feb 8	Held by Anne Michaels	Colleen
Mar 8	The Correspondent by Virginia Evans	Janice
Apr 12	Isola by Allegra Goodman	TBD
May 10	Dandelion by Jamie Chai Yun Liew	TBD

The **Emmanuel's Men's Group** meets monthly for Breakfast from 8:30-10:30 am at Roger's Italian Bistro, at 500 Terminal Ave. The upcoming dates are July 11, & August 8.

Monday Night Christian Meditation Group

“I have come that men may have life, and may have it in all its fullness.”
(John 10:10)

“As we die to the ego we rise to a new way of life that astonishes us with its infinite richness, its wonder and, above all, with its absolute liberty of spirit. Meditation is a healing process. What is healed is the essential wound we all have: the wound of the divided self that separates us from ourselves, from others, from God – and so from our own full potential”
– John Main OSB.

The meditation group meets on Monday evening for an hour starting at 7:00pm on Zoom. There is 25 minutes of silent meditation, a talk or video presentation, and a time for sharing.

For further information and a zoom link, please contact Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com).



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

A combined all-age Sunday school will be offered during the summer.

Rainbow Hub is a monthly social group for LGBTQ2+ youth 12-18 years old from across the city. There will be no gatherings during the summer; the next one will be in September. For more information, please contact Ellen Brohman. (ellenbrohman@gmail.com)

Let's Stay Together Sunday – Thanks to everyone who participated in the Let's Stay Together meals and activities this year. We look forward to offering them again starting in September. If anyone has an idea for an activity or guest speaker, please share it with Ellen Brohman or any other CD team member.

Summer Camps –Our summer camps are listed below:

Youth Outreach Leadership Camp – July 27 to 31 for youth in Grades 6 to 10. There will be outreach projects, crafts, games and food! **One of our activities will be hosting a tea on Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30.** Mark it in your calendars and plan to come!

Canoe Camp –August 10 to 14. This is a camp for youth going into Grades 4 and up. We will spend two days at Emmanuel and three days (two nights) canoeing and camping at Lac La Peche in Gatineau Park.

Registration forms are available on our website or by contacting Amelia Brohman or Val Lines.

Young Adult Event – July/Aug TBD

A number of young adults went rock climbing on a Saturday afternoon in June. Amelia is organizing the next event (bubble soccer) for early July. The date and other details are being worked out; info will be sent out as soon as it's confirmed. Contact Amelia for more information. (amelia.euc@gmail.com)

FINANCE

More words from the Finance Committee

As you may recall, earlier this year I submitted a brief article on behalf of the Finance Committee, describing the difference between the General Fund and segregated funds. Make yourself comfortable and join me as we continue that fascinating journey.

In case you've forgotten, segregated funds are separate financial accounts created for specific, Council-approved purposes, distinct from the General Fund. Money raised or donated for a particular ministry, project, or long-term purpose is tracked independently.

This month, we're taking a closer look at one of those segregated funds: the **Memorial Fund**. This fund was established over 40 years ago, to receive donations made in memory of members of the congregation. These gifts are typically directed toward ministries that enhance worship, music, and the life of the church, as well as for pastoral care purposes. For example, you may see a hymn book that has been dedicated to someone's memory. The wishes of the bereaved family are taken into account before the Memorials Coordinator determines a potential use. Final approval is given by Council or the Executive of Council.

The current balance of the Memorial Fund at the end of May 2026 is \$33,015.

Stay tuned for further information on other segregated funds, or exciting developments in the world of the Finance Committee. Sorry, no spoilers!

Submitted by Dave Langner

HEALTH

TAKE TIME TO BE WHOLEY- Exercise Programs for Seniors

The fall session will begin on Monday, September 14, 2026.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Moving? Address/Phone Number/Email Changes

Summer is often the time for moves. Please notify the church office and let KIT know if there are changes to your contact information, so that we can update the congregational directory and keep in touch with you.

Summer Tuesday Morning Zoom Coffee and Conversation

Zoom Coffee and Conversation will continue during the summer at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome to join in; check with Steve Taylor for the Zoom link.

Summer Hospitality

A warm welcome is always appreciated by guests worshipping at Emmanuel. If you notice summer visitors, please invite them to join you for a glass of lemonade. It is helpful if they are also invited to sign the guest book with a name, address and phone number so that we can follow up. Summer is a perfect time to take a walk and have a visit, or make a phone call to someone in the Emmanuel community that you have missed.

Contact Us

Emmanuel is a caring community. If you hear of concerns, we would like to hear from you. Members of the Committee are Janet Campbell, Latisha Joseph, Phyllis MacRae, Hilde Reynolds, Joyce White, David Wray, Zawadi Zahinda.

Contact: Joyce White at 613-324-8759 welcoming@emmanuelunited.ca

Our next KIT meeting is Tuesday, September 1 on Zoom at 7:00 P.M. We welcome new members on the committee.

Have a safe and restful summer!

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Grant will be on vacation August 10 through August 23.

Ron will be on vacation August 4,5 and August 17 through August 30.

Abi will be off for the month of July. She has arranged for alternate players to lead music on the Sundays she is off. Ann will also be away some weeks during the summer.

We wish all our staff wonderful vacations and time off.

PASTORAL CARE

THRIVING TOGETHER • FOSTERING SELF-ADVOCACY THROUGH MUTUAL SUPPORT

There will be an afternoon tea hosted by youth who are part of the Youth Outreach Leadership Camp the last week of July. Below are further details.

Afternoon Tea and Entertainment

When: Wednesday July 29th

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Where: C.E. Hall

Music: May Turcot and Ron MacDonald

Please RSVP to the Office if you would like to attend.

Meditation on “The Mystery of Who we are Becoming”

A song from the movie *Wicked* that has been echoing in my heart is *For Good*. The line that speaks most deeply to me is: **“Because I knew you, I have been changed for good, for the better”**

Much of who we are today has been shaped by the relationships, experiences, and encounters that have touched our hearts and widened our understanding of life. During the summer, take a moment to pause and reflect on: **Who—or what—has changed you for the good, for the better?** Who has helped you become more compassionate, more faithful, more courageous, or more hopeful? It may be a person, an animal

companion, a place in nature, a community, or even an unexpected experience.

In quantum physics, particles that once come into contact can remain mysteriously connected—so that what happens to one is linked to the other, even across vast distances. This scientific image offers a quiet reminder: that relationship leaves a trace. What we encounter is not simply left behind—it becomes part of the fabric of who we are.

Contemplative Exercise: Sit quietly with those memories for a moment. Notice what arises within you. In your remembering, be present to a quiet sense of gratitude that gently fills your heart. Then, in the silence, offer a simple prayer of thanks for all that has helped shape you into the person you are today.

The Pastoral Care Team

If you ever find yourself in need of a listening ear — whether you're celebrating, grieving, wondering, or simply feeling the weight of the day — the Pastoral Care Team at Emmanuel is here for you. We're here to offer a gentle presence, a compassionate heart, and prayerful support, whatever the season you're in. To get in touch with the Pastoral Care Team, contact Ron MacDonald, Pastoral Care Provider at: pastoralcare@emmanuelunited.ca or contact the church at 613-733-0437.

Pastoral Care Team: Rev. Grant Stuckless, Dr. Ron MacDonald, Malcolm Collins, Patricia Fairbairn, Terry Henderson, Jon Jones, Jill MacLean, Richard Johnson and Joyce White (Keeping in Touch)

WORSHIP

July 5

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

Genesis 28:10-19a

July 26

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2 (Emancipation Sunday)

Genesis 32: 22-31

August 9

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 16

Guest Preacher: Rev. Anne Montgomery

August 23

Worship at Rideau Park United Church

August 30

Exodus 3:1-15

September 6

Matthew 18:15-20

Botsford Garden services “Rooted and Rising”

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm ~ July 8, 15, 22, 29



Summer Giving Matters

As summer approaches, as temperatures rise and as families drift off to their cottages, charitable giving tends to decline. Help us avoid the dreaded summer giving slump.

Please consider continuing your contributions to Emmanuel over the summer months even if you are not around. There are many ways you can do it:

- by dropping off your donation at the church before you leave
- by setting up pre-authorized remittances (PAR)
 - by Interac e-transfer to envelope.secretary@emmanuelunited.ca

Thank You!

Simplify Your Celebrations

FORM TO
ACCOMPANY DONATION

Donation to:

Emmanuel United Church
691 Smyth Road, Ottawa ON K1G 1N7

General Fund Capital Fund

From: (Name) _____

(Address) _____

In recognition of:

*Please provide a statement that could go into the next monthly packet,
along the lines of those on the previous page.*

If you do not wish for this to be published, please check here _____

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Thank You